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8 August 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT : 1. Transfer of Mario K. GIOVEDANO (P) from
Project ABACUS to Project ALEXANDER
2. Allocation of Additional Funds to Project
ALEXANDER

1. It is requested that approval be granted to transfer Mario K. GIOVEDANO from Project ABACUS to Project ALEXANDER upon receipt of the required security clearance. A request for amendment of his covert security approval is now pending with the Office of Security to provide for the utilization of Subject under Project ALEXANDER in the exploitation of intercepted Soviet international mail for intelligence purposes.

2. Subject is currently under the control of SR/POB and employed as an instructor, debriefer, translator, and analyst under Project ABACUS. Although his current basic compensation is \$7,100.00 per annum, Subject is eligible for the recent legislative pay increase and a request is now pending to increase his basic compensation to \$7,675.00 per annum. Subject was born on 13 September 1904 in Estonia; he attended the Estonian Military College, graduated first in his class from the Estonian General Staff Academy in 1932, and served as an officer of the Foreign Operations and Foreign Information Sections of the Estonian General Staff until the outbreak of World War II. Subject has been associated with this Agency since 1951, and came to the United States in 1953. He is fluent in Estonian, Russian, German, Finnish, French, Polish, and English, and has done extensive research in Soviet reality in conjunction with his work on Project ABACUS.

3. Subject will be utilized as a full-time analyst and translator and he will work primarily on German and Russian language intercepts received from Frankfurt and Berlin. In addition, he will process all intercepts written in Estonian, since we do not have an adequate capability in that language at the present time. Intercepts are being received at Headquarters from Berlin and Frankfurt at the rate of approximately 2,100 pieces a month and 2,600 a month, respectively. The volume of intercepts from Frankfurt represents an increase of about 25 percent over the volume per month received a year ago, and it is anticipated that the volume of intercepts from POB will soon be increased by as much as 100 percent, because of expanded coverage of Soviet-origin registered and surface mail. Although it will not be possible to process all of the intercepts received from the German Field Stations, we have determined with SR/3,

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DHS, and FBI that it would be advisable to employ an additional contract employee since we have at present only one full-time and one part-time analyst working on German intercepts.

4. The request for renewal of Project ALLIANCE for the period 1 September 1960 - 31 August 1961 will contain an amendment to provide for the employment of Subject as an additional full-time analyst and translator on the project. In order to expedite the transfer of Subject to Project ALLIANCE because of the urgent need for his services, it is recommended that favorable consideration be given to our request for this action prior to actual submission of the project renewal.

5. The six contract employees of Project ALLIANCE are all eligible for the recent legislative pay increases. Funds are not available within the current project budget allocation (which expires on 31 August 1960) to provide for these increases. It is therefore requested in accordance with GDS 230-49-1 that \$1,500.00 additional be authorized from HRP/HS Division budget to cover the cost of the legislative pay increases for the six contract employees of Project ALLIANCE, and to pay the salary of Subject when transferred to the project.

Chief, SR/6

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